

# GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



Washington 25, D.C.

Mr. Joseph W. Lund  
Chairman  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
Third Floor  
73 Tremont Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

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Dear Mr. Lund:

As recognized in letter dated November 22, 1960, from Development Administrator Edward J. Logue, and enclosure thereto, certain understandings have been reached concerning the site of the proposed new Federal Office Building in Boston. The purpose of this letter is to confirm those understandings for the record.

1. The site selected for the proposed new Federal Office Building is a tract of land identified on the plat labeled "Part Plan-Government Center, Planning Division, Redevelopment Authority, October, 1960", copy of which is attached hereto, and hereinafter referred to as the "Federal Site". The Federal Site fronts approximately 180 feet on Cambridge Street, 555 feet on New Sudbury Street, 295 feet on New Congress Street, and 545 feet on a street unidentified on the attached plat but believed to be Hanover Street dividing said site on the southeasterly side from a parcel labeled "New City Hall", all as shown on the attached plat. The area of the Federal Site will be not less than 136,500 square feet.
2. The Redevelopment Authority will acquire the Federal Site at its expense and convey it to the United States in fee simple in exchange for a parcel of land now owned by the United States situated on the northerly side of Stuart Street between Clarendon Street and Trinity Place in the city of Boston comprising an area of 43,789 square feet together with payment by the United States to the Boston Redevelopment Authority of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000), said payment, conveyance of title, and delivery of possession of the respective parcels to be made simultaneously. Title to the Federal Site to be conveyed to the United States shall be satisfactory to the

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Attorney General of the United States and all title and other costs incident to conveying satisfactory title to the United States shall be at the expense of the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

3. The agreement of the United States to acquire the Federal Site upon the basis and in the manner stated in this letter is expressly contingent upon (a) the Commonwealth of Massachusetts securing the necessary funds, acquiring the sites, and constructing thereon a State office building; a mental health center and State laboratories building; an employment security building; and a health, education, and welfare building, all as provided for and in the locations specified in Chapter 635 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, approved September 1, 1960, it being understood that one or more of said buildings will be located across Sudbury Street northwesterly opposite the Federal Site; (b) the City of Boston securing the necessary funds, acquiring a site situated between Congress and Cambridge Streets southeasterly across Hanover Street opposite the Federal Site and constructing thereon a City Hall; (c) the design and construction of Sudbury Street at grade level to the extent that said street borders on the Federal Site; and (d) the Boston Redevelopment Authority taking the necessary steps under its statutory authority to acquire the remainder of the Government Center Project area including the Federal Site, demolish and clear the area of improvements, effect the necessary street closures, widening, relocation or other street improvements, and arranging for the utilities.

4. Upon acquisition of the Federal Site by the Boston Redevelopment Authority, it will submit promptly on GSA Form 1226, copies of which are attached hereto, a proposal to convey the said site to the United States, subject to the terms and conditions therein set forth and subject to the provisions of this letter.

5. This letter amends, supersedes, and replaces our letter of August 20, 1959, addressed to and agreed to by Mr. Joseph W. Lund, Chairman, Boston Redevelopment Authority, dealing with the same subject.

Mr. Joseph W. Lund

Please acknowledge your agreement with the foregoing in the space provided on the enclosed copy hereof and return the signed copy to this office.

Sincerely yours

*Franklin Floete*

FRANKLIN FLOETE  
Administrator

Enclosures

Agreed to:

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Chairman  
Boston Redevelopment Authority

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NEW STATE  
HEALTH AND  
WELFARE  
BUILDINGS

CAMBRIDGE

ST.

NEW  
SUDBURY  
ST.  
395'

FEDERAL  
SITE  
136,500 S.F.

OFFICE  
NEW  
BUILDINGS

NEW  
CITY HALL

NEW  
FIRE STA.  
NEW  
PARKING  
TERMINAL

CONGRESS  
PRIVAT  
J.  
NEW  
BUILDINGS  
ST.

PART PLAN  
GOVERNMENT CENTER

PLANNING DIVISION

1' = 180'-0"

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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(Letter Adm. Floete re Fedl. Office Bldg.)